

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-46 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 22, and 35 have been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments, and support for the amendments can be found throughout the Specification and at least at page 11, paragraphs 29-31. No claims have been added. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 1-46 are present for examination. Claims 1, 22, and 35 are independent claims.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-8, 12, 17, 21, 25, 27, 32, 35-37, 39, and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Patent No. 7,035,270 issued to Moore, Jr., et. al. ("Moore").

Applicants submit that Moore discloses "an interface between an HFC network and an in-home network." (See Moore at Abstract.) Moore further discloses that the interface includes "[a] processor, a non-volatile memory and RAM." (See col. 4, lines 8-9 and Fig. 2.) Furthermore, Moore discloses that the interface which includes a processor and that the processor has the "ability to convert the in-home networking protocol-related information to HFC network parameters." (See Moore at col. 5, line 17-19.)

In contrast, claim 1 and similarly claims 22 and 35, as amended, recite that "the isolation device is further adapted to provide communications security by preventing a microserver from accessing communications information which is associated with another microserver." Applicants are unable to find any disclosure in Moore that teaches or suggests such a feature. Even though Moore discloses a processor which converts in-home networking protocols to HFC networking protocols, Moore nonetheless still fails to teach or suggest providing communications security by preventing microservers from accessing other microservers' communications information. In other words, enforcing communication information access restrictions among the various microservers. As stated above, Applicants are

unable to find any disclosure in Moore which explicitly or implicitly teaches or suggests that "the isolation device is further adapted to provide communications security by preventing a microserver from accessing communications information which is associated with another microserver" as recited by claim 1. Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicants submit that claim 1 and similarly claims 22 and 35 are patentable over Moore.

Furthermore, claims 2-21, 23-34 and 36-46 depend from independent claims 1, 22, and 35, respectively. Thus, by virtue of their dependence on an allowable independent claim, Applicants submit that claims 2-21, 23-34 and 36-46 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 9-11, 13-16, 18-20, 26, 28, 30, 31, 33-34, 38, 40, 42, 43, and 45-46 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Moore patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,970,127 to Rakib ("**Rakib**").

Claims 14, 29 and 41 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Moore patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,694,616 to Johnson, et al. ("**Johnson**").

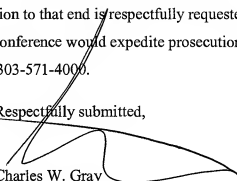
Claims 9-11, 13-16, 18-20, 26, 28-31, 33-34, 38, 40-43, and 45-46 depend from one of independent claims 1, 22, and 35. Thus, by virtue of their dependence on an allowable independent claim, Applicants submit that claims 9-11, 13-16, 18-20, 26, 28-31, 33-34, 38, 40-43, and 45-46 are also allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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